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Nominations to the Cuddalore taluk board.

666 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the reason for not nominating an Adi-Dravida to the taluk board of Cuddalore in the vacancy recently caused by the resignation of a member, especially in view of the fact that there is no member of that community on that board;

(2) the reason for nominating to the said taluk board Mr. S. Palaniyandi Chetti, a nominated municipal councillor, in preference to an Adi-Dravida;

(3) the reason for nominating four out of five members from the headquarters (Cuddalore) instead of from the taluk generally; and

(4) whether there is any reason to believe that there is not a single Adi-Dravida in the Cuddalore taluk fit for nomination to the said board?

A.—The Government have no information. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 9 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, under which the president of the district board appoints members to nominated seats on the taluk boards.

Representation of depressed classes in taluk boards of North Arcot.

667 Q.—Mr. A. TANGAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased—

(a) to furnish information as to the number of taluk boards in the North Arcot district, and to state whether it is not the intention of the Government in having increased the number of elective seats on local bodies, that nominations should, as far as practicable, be made from the depressed and backward communities;

(b) to state the number and names of such nominations in the respective taluk boards in the district; and

(c) to state whether it is a fact that in the Ranipet taluk board a member of the Vellala community who is a village monigar and an influential citizen and was also the president of a union board has been nominated as a member; and whether the Government will be pleased to ascertain what necessitated the taking of such a course by the district board, North Arcot, thus frustrating the object of reserving the nomination seats?

A.—(a) There are six taluk boards in the district. The hon. Member's attention is invited to sub-section (5) of section 9 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

(b)

Taluk Board.	Number.	Names.
Vellore ..	1	M.R.Ry. A. Ramaswami Avargal.
Ranipet ..	1	,, M. Tanikachalam Pillai Avargal.
Cheyar ..	1	,, V. Muniswami Pandaram.
Tiruvannamalai.	..	Nil.
Polur ..	..	Nil.
Tirupattur ..	1	M.R.Ry. S. M. Muniswami Pillai Avargal.

(c) The Government have no information.